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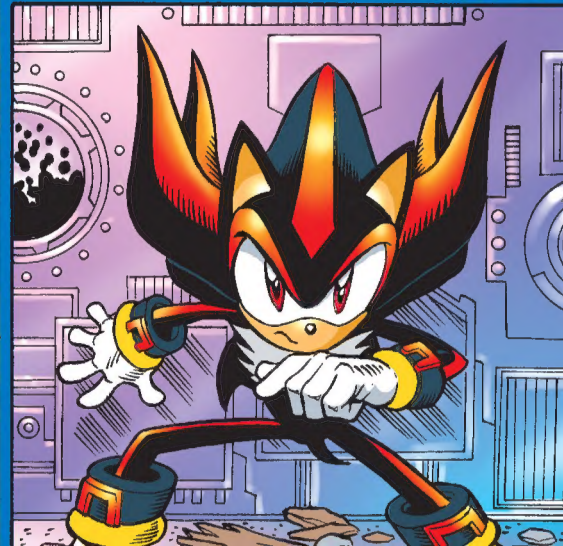
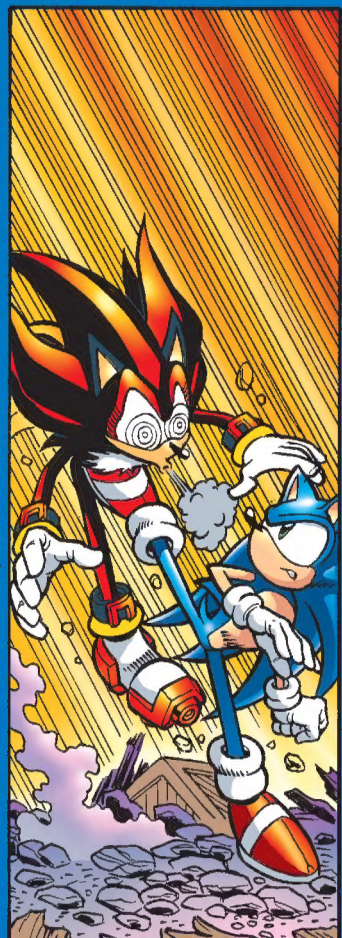
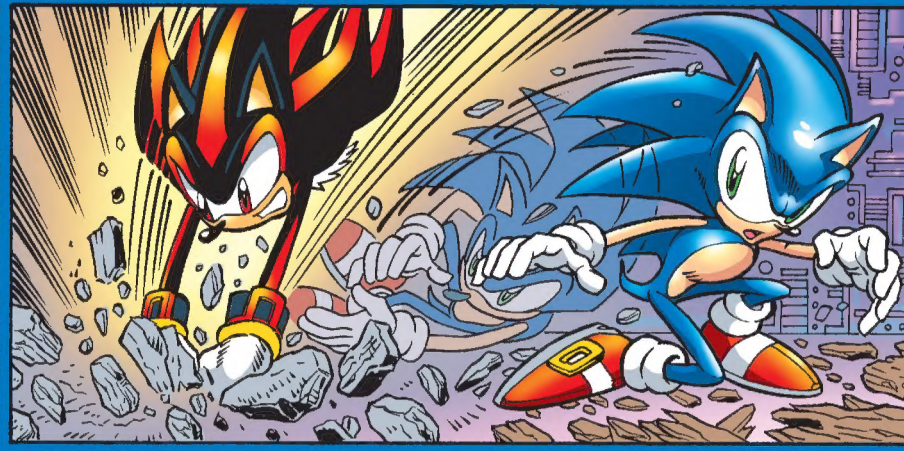
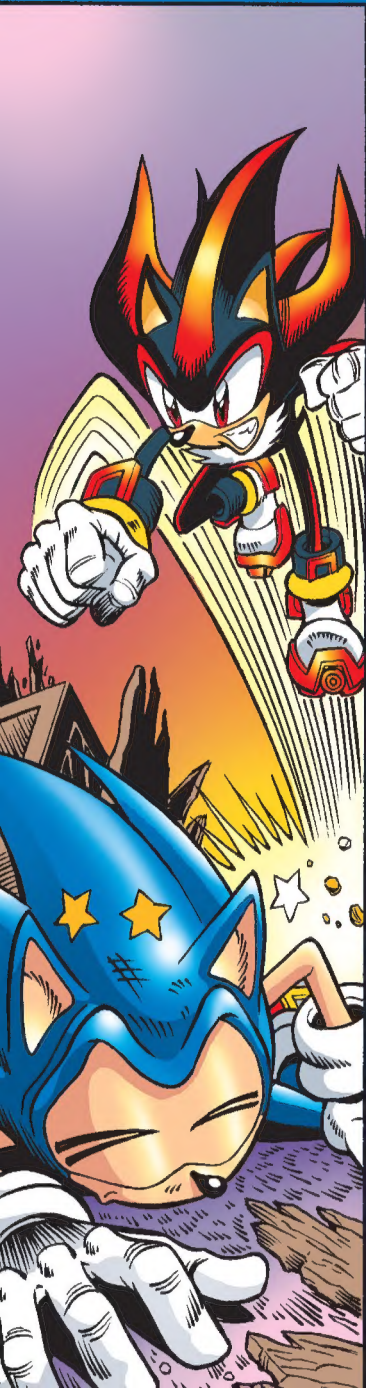
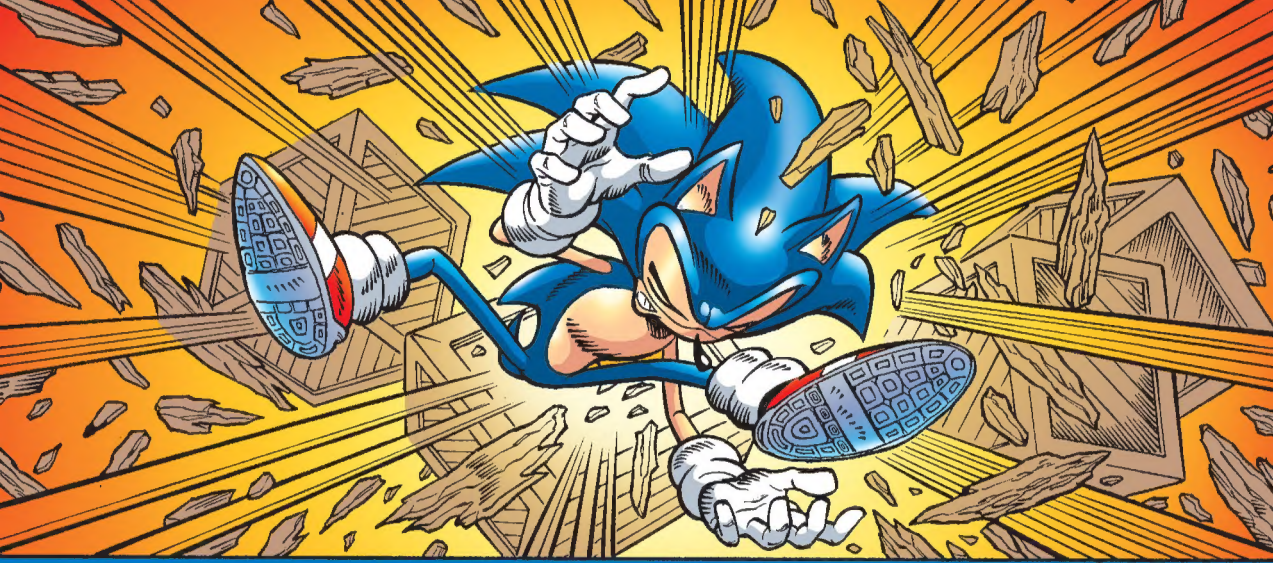


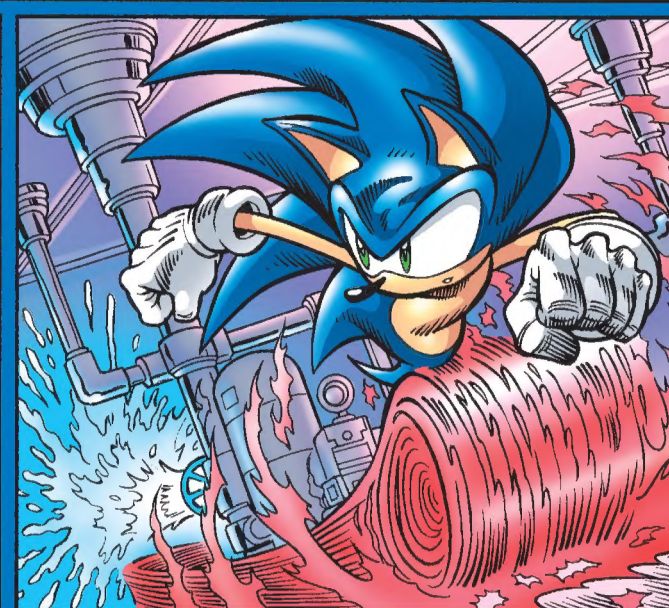
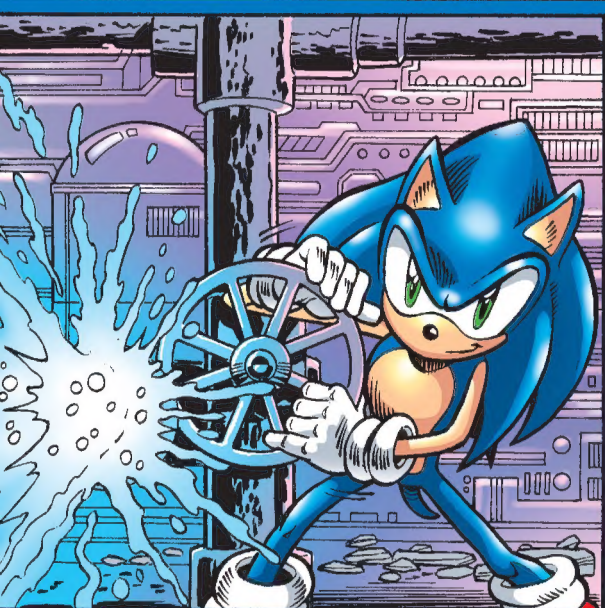
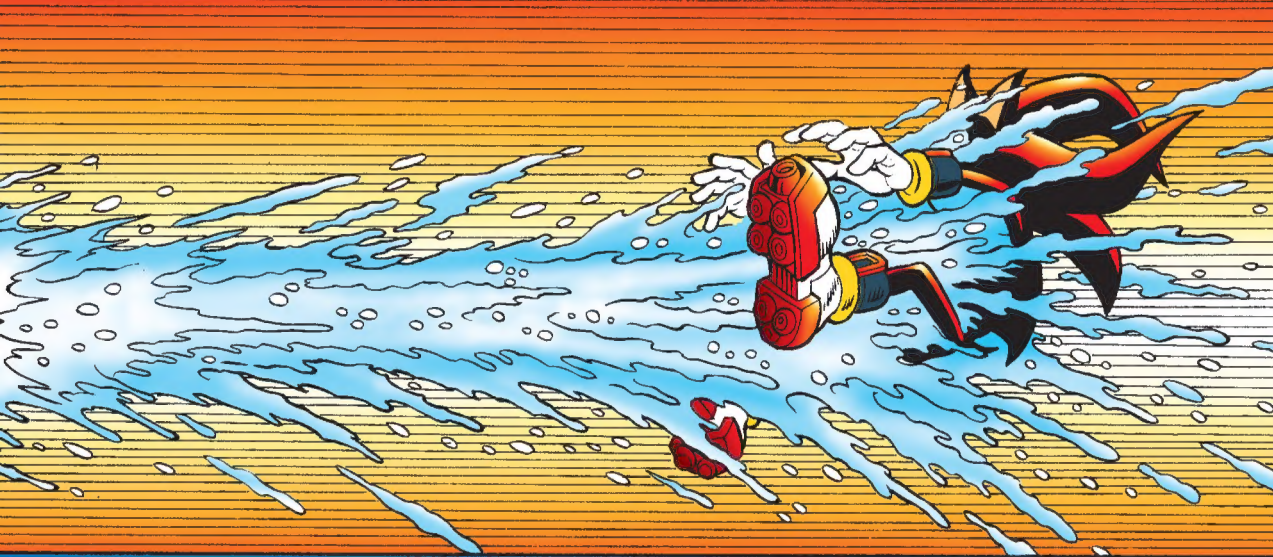
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**THE GOOD
THE BAD
AND THE
UNKNOWN!**



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STANDING AMIDST THE DEBRIS OF HIS BATTLE WITH

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

THE SENTIENT KNOWN AS SHADOW TABULATES HIS NEXT MOVE WHEN HE HEARS THE SOUND OF VOICES DRAWING NEAR...



SONIC! SONIC!

I CAN DISTINGUISH TWO VOCAL PATTERNS, BUT THE FOOTSTEPS ECHOING OFF THE FLOOR INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF MORE!



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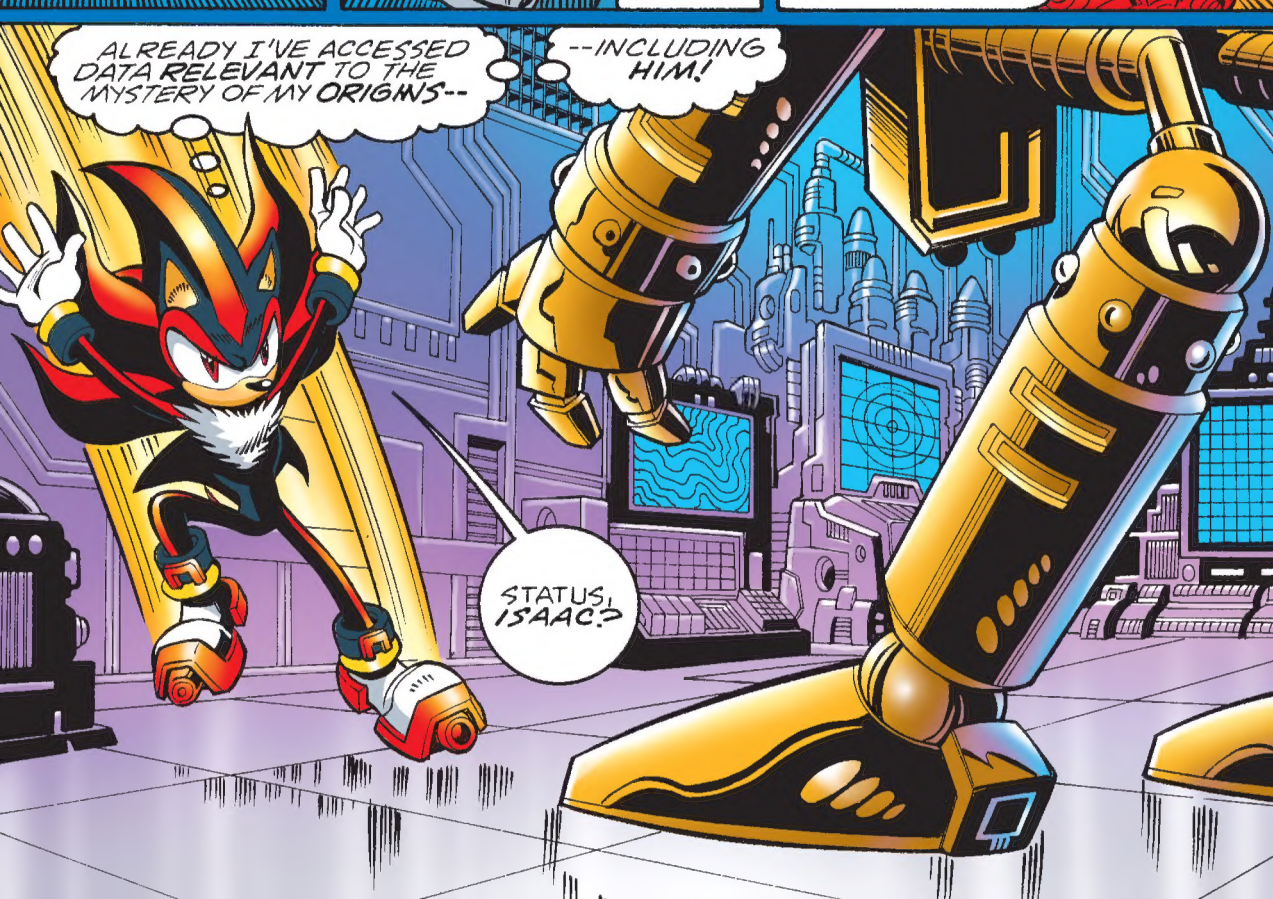
BETTER TO FIGHT ANOTHER TIME!

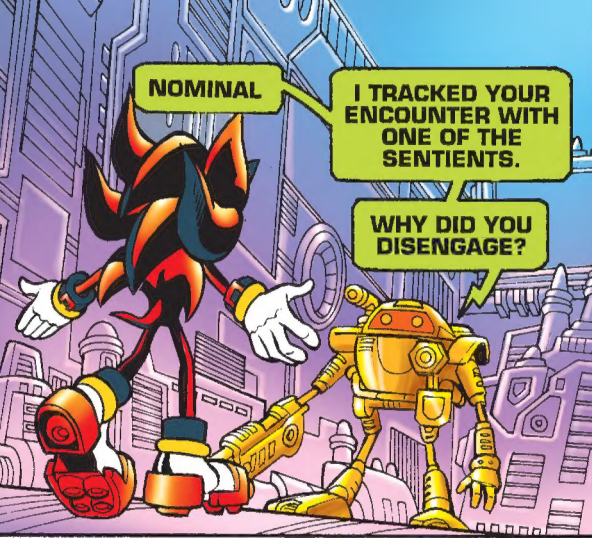
I HAVE A HIGHER PRIORITY IN NEED OF RESOLUTION FIRST!

THAT'S FUNNY!

AH COULD HAVE SWORN AH HEARD SOMEONE HEAH JUST A MINUTE AGO!

IF IT WAS SONIC, WHY DIDN'T HE ANSWER?

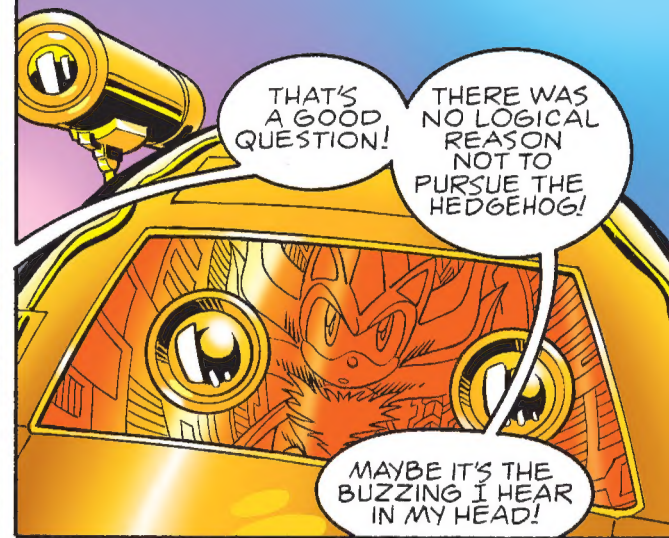




NOMINAL

I TRACKED YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH ONE OF THE SENTIENTS.

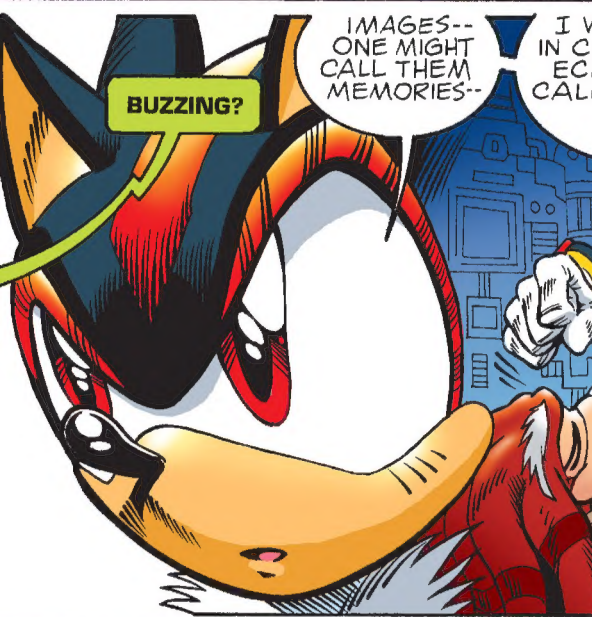
WHY DID YOU DISENGAGE?



THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

THERE WAS NO LOGICAL REASON NOT TO PURSUE THE HEDGEHOG!

MAYBE IT'S THE BUZZING I HEAR IN MY HEAD!



BUZZING?

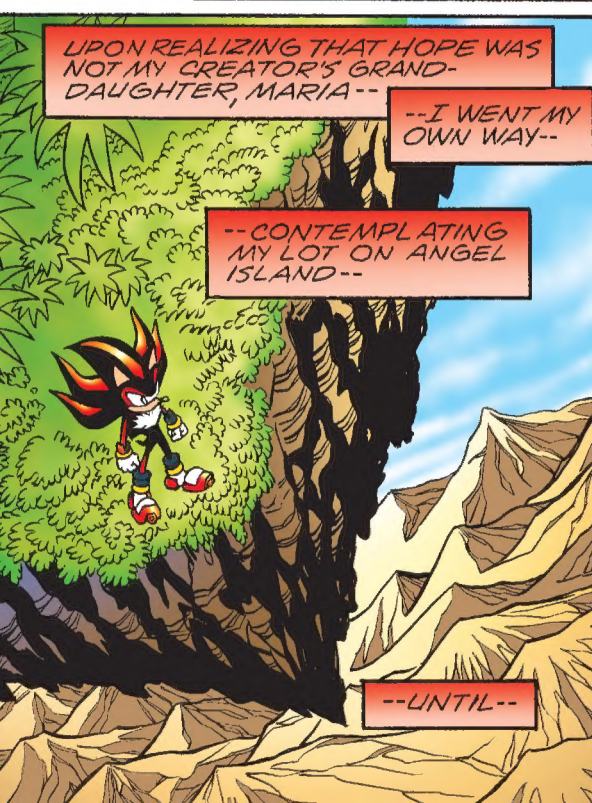
IMAGES-- ONE MIGHT CALL THEM MEMORIES--

I WAS ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH AN ECHIDNA WHO CALLED HIMSELF LOCKE--

--UNTIL A YOUNG OVERLANDER NAMED HOPE INTERCEDED!

THIS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TREAT HIM THE SAME WAY!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE BETTER THAN THAT!



UPON REALIZING THAT HOPE WAS NOT MY CREATOR'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, MARIA--

--I WENT MY OWN WAY--

--CONTEMPLATING MY LOT ON ANGEL ISLAND--

--UNTIL--



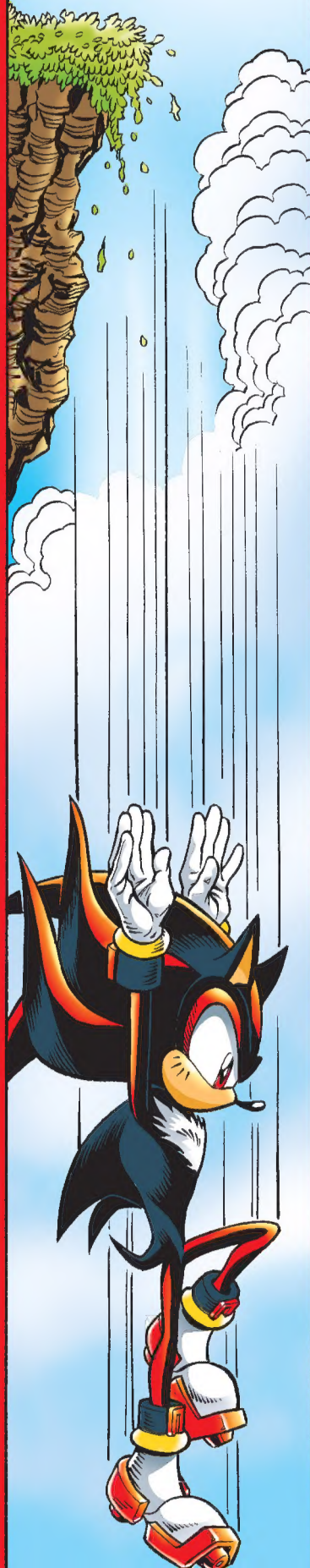
DOWN THERE--

--AMONG THOSE MOUNTAINS--

--A SIGNAL--

--JUST LIKE THE ONE PROFESSOR GERALD SENT--

--BEFORE
HIS STATION WAS
INVADED!

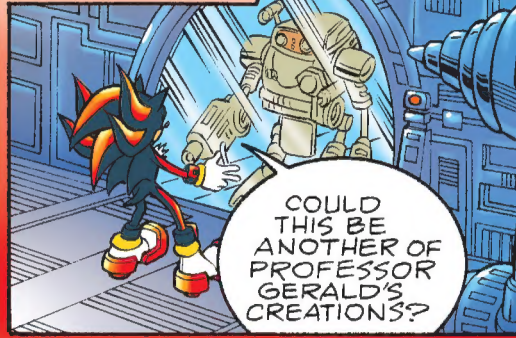


BOOM!

I HAD TRIGGERED A
DEFENSIVE DEVICE,
BUT I SURVIVED--



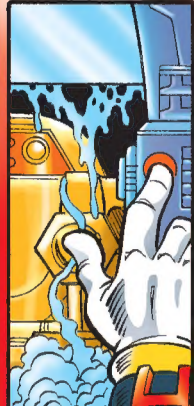
--AND DISCOVERED
YOU SEALED
WITHIN AN AIR-
TIGHT CHAMBER...



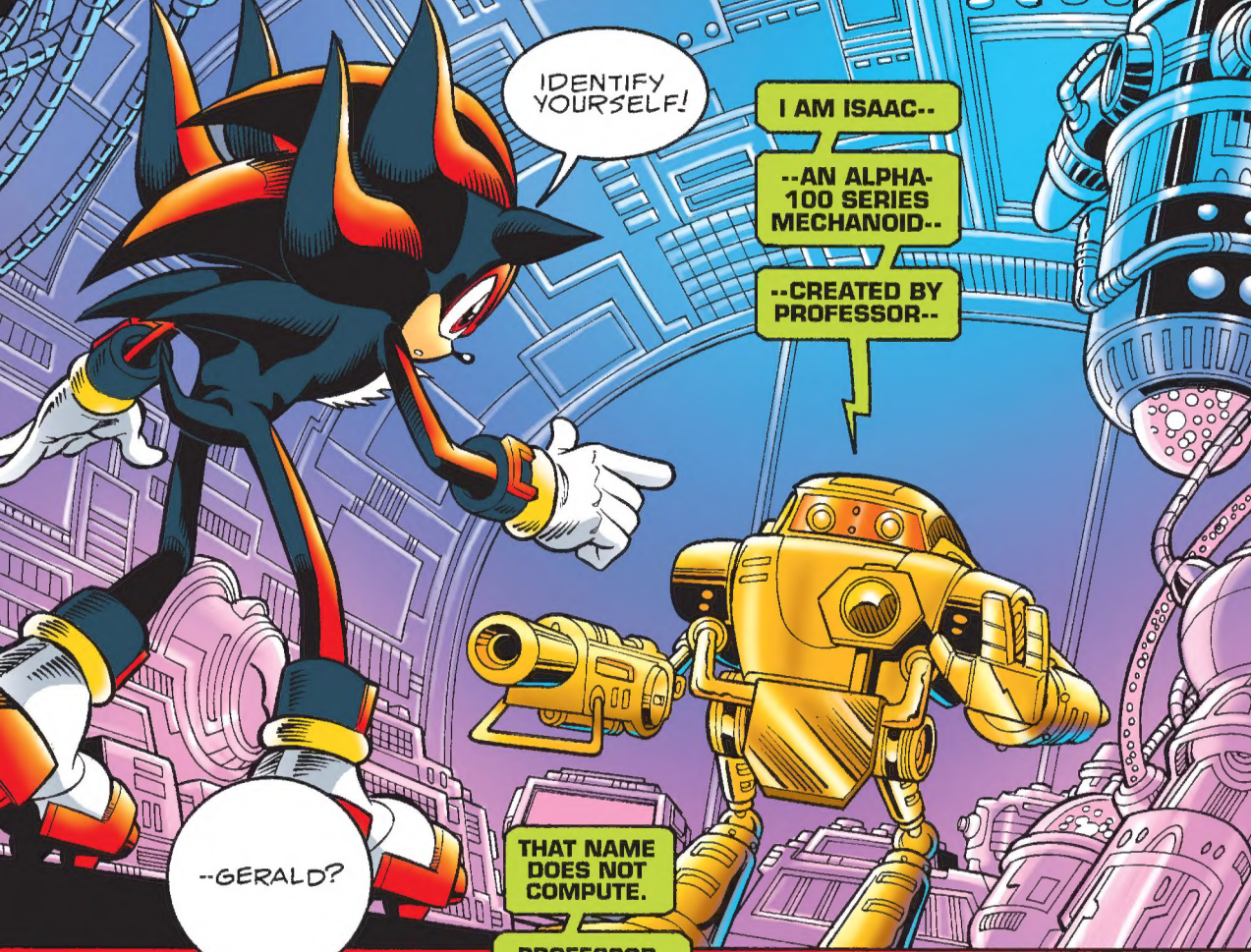
COULD
THIS BE
ANOTHER OF
PROFESSOR
GERALD'S
CREATIONS?

I HAD TO
KNOW, AND
THIS, I ACTI-
VATED YOUR
RELEASE...

THOUGH YOU
WERE NOT IM-
MERSED IN
FLUIDS, AS I
HAD BEEN...
THE SIMI-
LARITIES
TO MY EX-
PERIENCE...



...FAR OUT-
WEIGHED
THE DIFFER-
ENCES...



IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

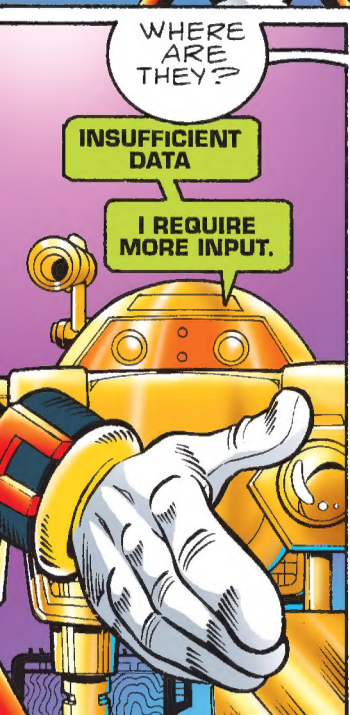
I AM ISAAC--
--AN ALPHA-100 SERIES MECHANOID--
--CREATED BY PROFESSOR--

--GERALD?

THAT NAME DOES NOT COMPUTE.

PROFESSOR CLARKE DESIGNED MY HARDWARE.

DOCTOR NIVEN PROGRAMMED MY SOFTWARE!



WHERE ARE THEY?

INSUFFICIENT DATA

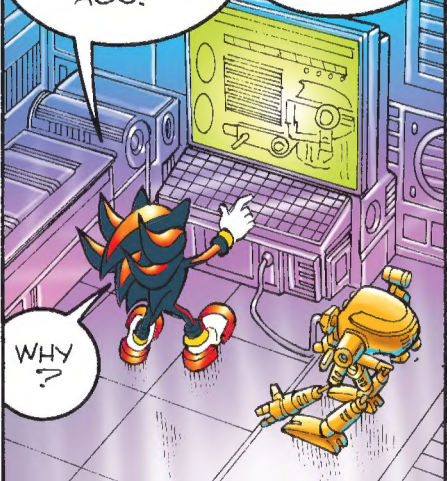
I REQUIRE MORE INPUT.

UPON RUNNING YOUR DIAGNOSTIC THROUGH THE MAINFRAME, WE SOON LEARNED MUCH OF YOUR ORIGINS--

CLARKE AND NIVEN CREATED YOU OVER TEN MILLENNIA AGO!

THEY BUILT YOU, BUT NEVER USED YOU.

WHY?



--BUT NOTHING OF MINE ...

EVEN THOUGH OVERLANDERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BEING--

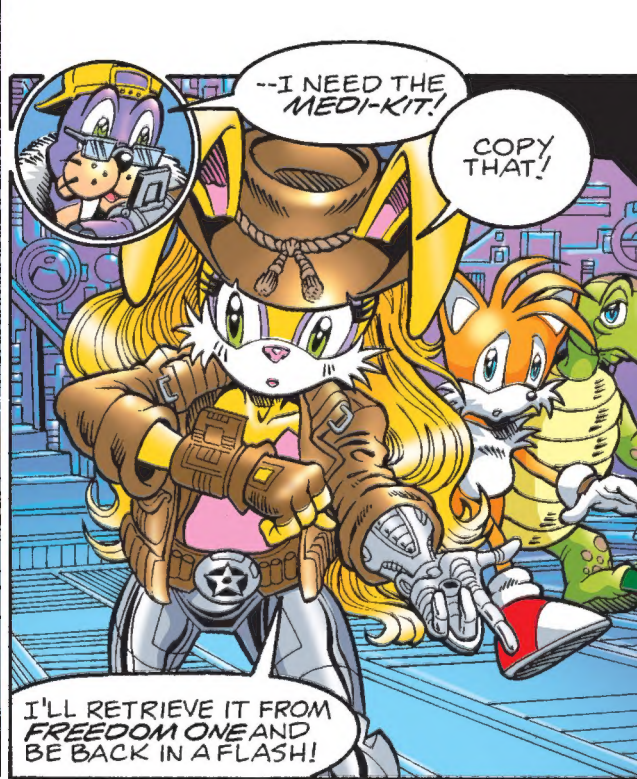
--THEY HELD NO RELATION TO PROFESSOR GERALD!



SONIC!

OH, MY!
HE LOOKS
PRETTY
BAD!

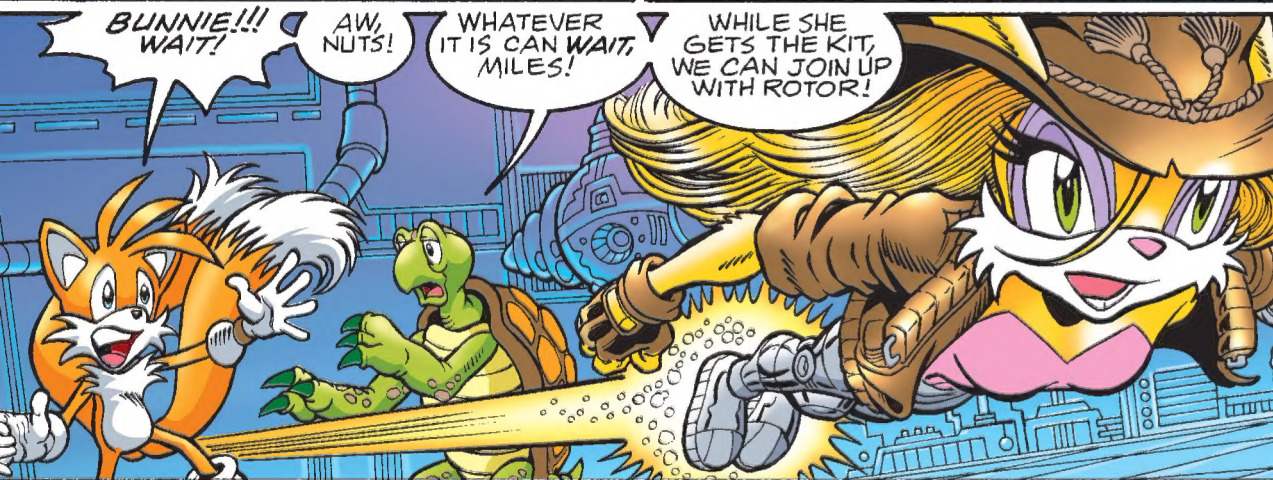
ROTOR TO
BUNNIE--



--I NEED THE
MEDI-KIT!

COPY
THAT!

I'LL RETRIEVE IT FROM
FREEDOM ONE AND
BE BACK IN A FLASH!

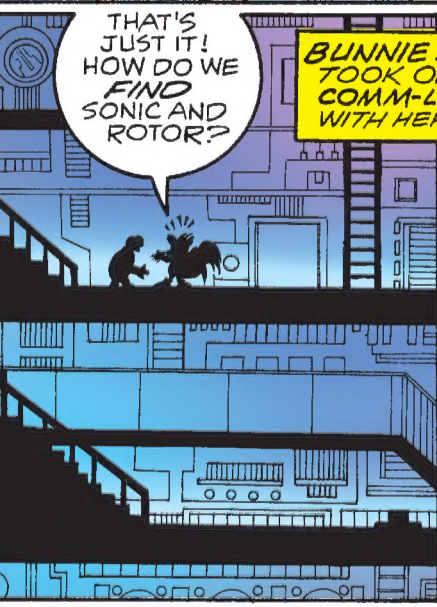


BUNNIE!!!
WAIT!

AW,
NUTS!

WHATEVER
IT IS CAN WAIT,
MILES!

WHILE SHE
GETS THE KIT,
WE CAN JOIN UP
WITH ROTOR!



THAT'S
JUST IT!
HOW DO WE
FIND
SONIC AND
ROTOR?

**BUNNIE JUST
TOOK OUR
COMM-LINK
WITH HER!?**

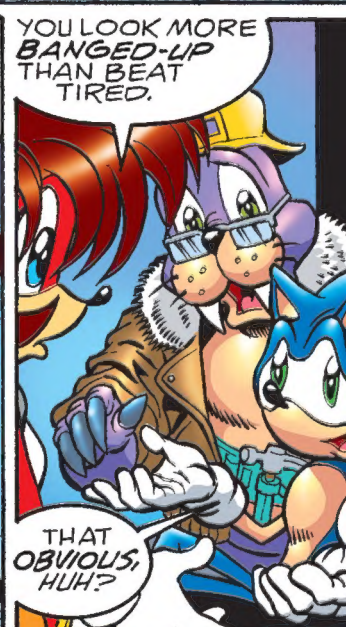
EASY,
SONIC!
JUST
RELAX!

I GUESS WE
STUMBLED ONTO
SOMETHING
BIGGER THAN
WE COULD HAVE
IMAGINED!

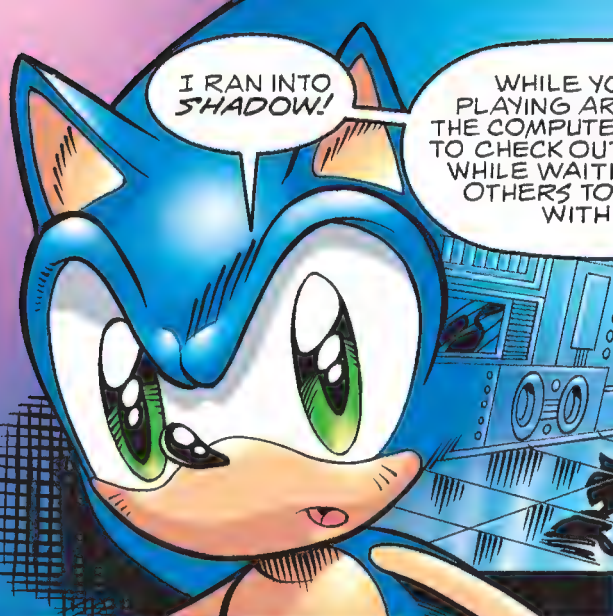
YOU LOOK MORE
BANGED-UP
THAN BEAT
TIRED.



I'M OKAY! JUST--
EXHAUSTED!

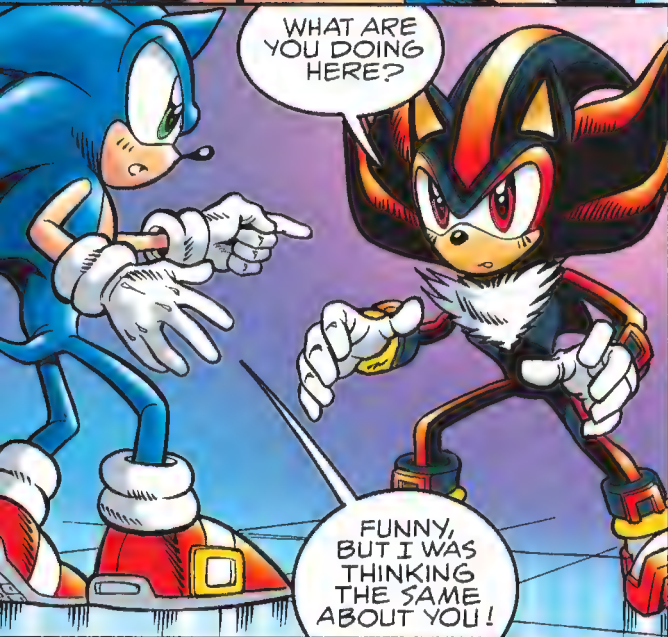
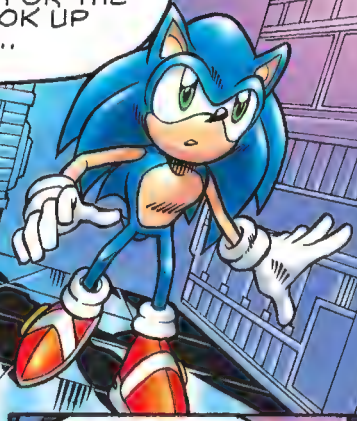


THAT
OBVIOUS,
HUH?



I RAN INTO SHADOW!

WHILE YOU WERE PLAYING AROUND WITH THE COMPUTERS, I DECIDED TO CHECK OUT THE JOINT WHILE WAITING FOR THE OTHERS TO HOOK UP WITH US...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

FUNNY, BUT I WAS THINKING THE SAME ABOUT YOU!



I AM NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO YOU!

THEN I DON'T HAVE TO TELL, EITHER!

SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GOING NOWHERE P.D.Q.*

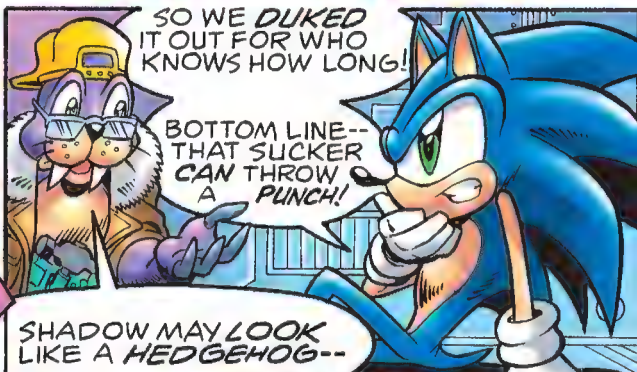
*PRETTY DARN QUICK.



CORRECTION: I MAY NOT BE--

--BUT YOU CERTAINLY ARE!

WHAAM!



SO WE DUKED IT OUT FOR WHO KNOWS HOW LONG!

BOTTOM LINE-- THAT SUCKER CAN THROW A PUNCH!

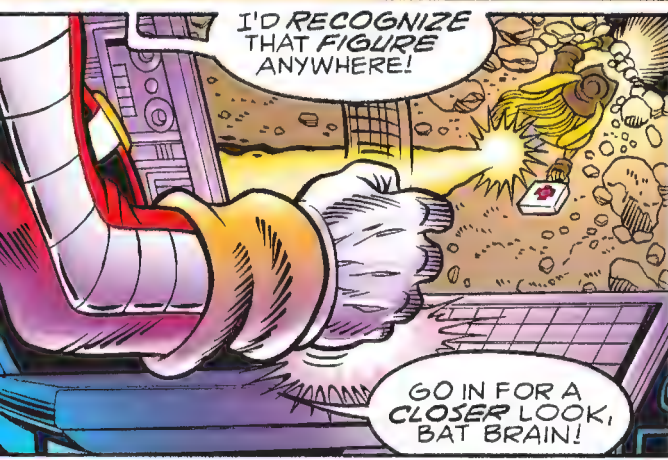
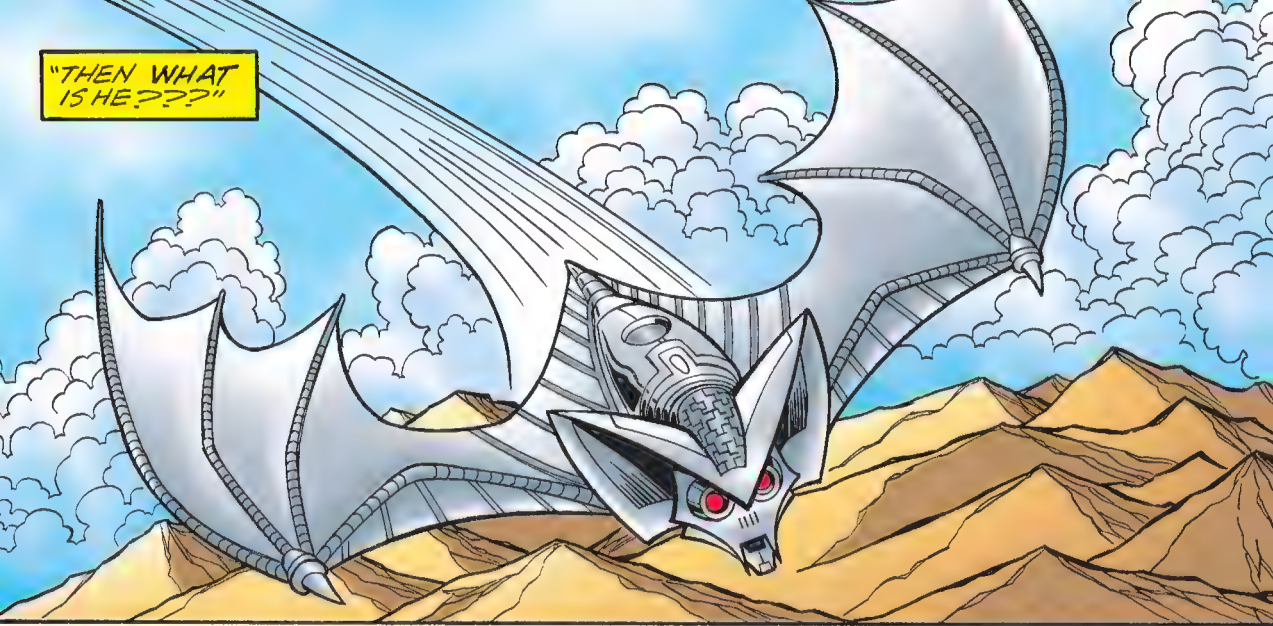
SHADOW MAY LOOK LIKE A HEDGEHOG--



-- BUT I DON'T BELIEVE FOR A SECOND HE'S RELATED TO YOU IN ANY WAY!

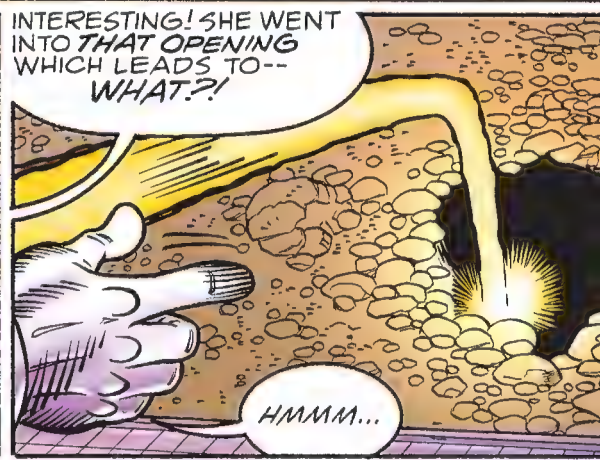
IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE HE'S EVEN A MOBIAN LIKE US!

"THEN WHAT IS HE???"



I'D RECOGNIZE THAT FIGURE ANYWHERE!

GO IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK, BAT BRAIN!



INTERESTING! SHE WENT INTO THAT OPENING WHICH LEADS TO-- WHAT?!

HMMM...

A MASSIVE EXPLOSION OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE--

--AND THE BRATS OF ACORN ARE SONIC ON THE SPOT!

WHY? WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?



THEY'RE NOT THE TYPE TO LEAVE THE SECURITY OF THEIR CONFINES UNLESS THERE'S A THREAT--

--USUALLY BECAUSE OF MOI!

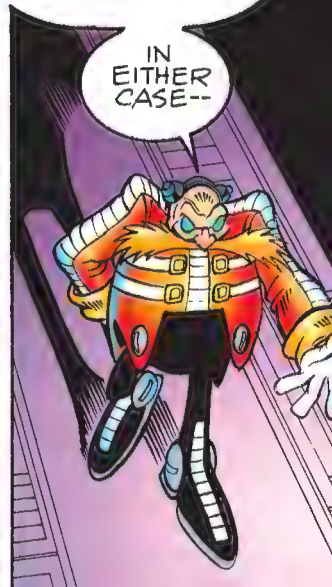
WHICH MEANS--

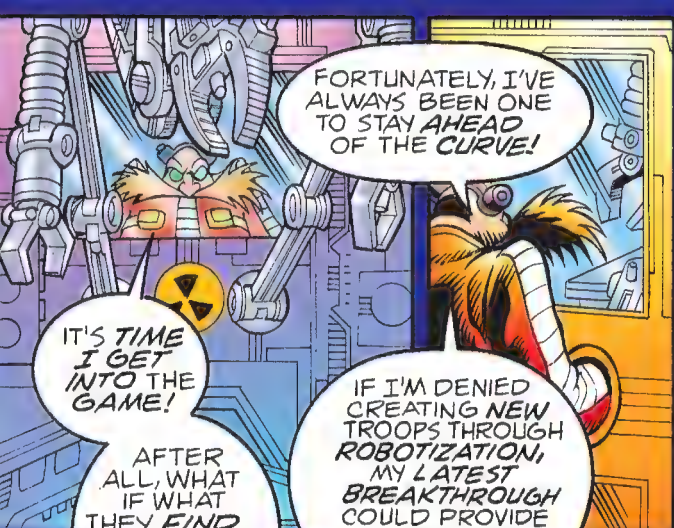


--SONIC AND HIS FELLOW RODENTS EITHER THINK I'M ALREADY INVOLVED--

--OR ELSE ARE AFRAID OF WHAT-EVER'S OUT THERE FALLING INTO MY HANDS.

IN EITHER CASE--






FORTUNATELY, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE TO STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE!

IT'S TIME I GET INTO THE GAME!

AFTER ALL, WHAT IF WHAT THEY FIND COULD BE USED AGAINST ME?

IF I'M DENIED CREATING NEW TROOPS THROUGH ROBOTIZATION, MY LATEST BREAKTHROUGH COULD PROVIDE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE.



ONCE I ACTIVATE THE POWER SUPPLY FOR THIS SMALL SAMPLE OF SELF-REPLICATING, PRE-PROGRAMMED MICRO-CHIPS--

--ALLOW THEM TO FEED OFF THE SOURCE FOR THE REQUISITE TIME PERIOD--

--AND VOILA!

--POPPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW METAL-SONIC!



You've met the Players, the stage has been set, and now it's time to buckle up as we shift into high gear for...

IGNITION!

TOMMY

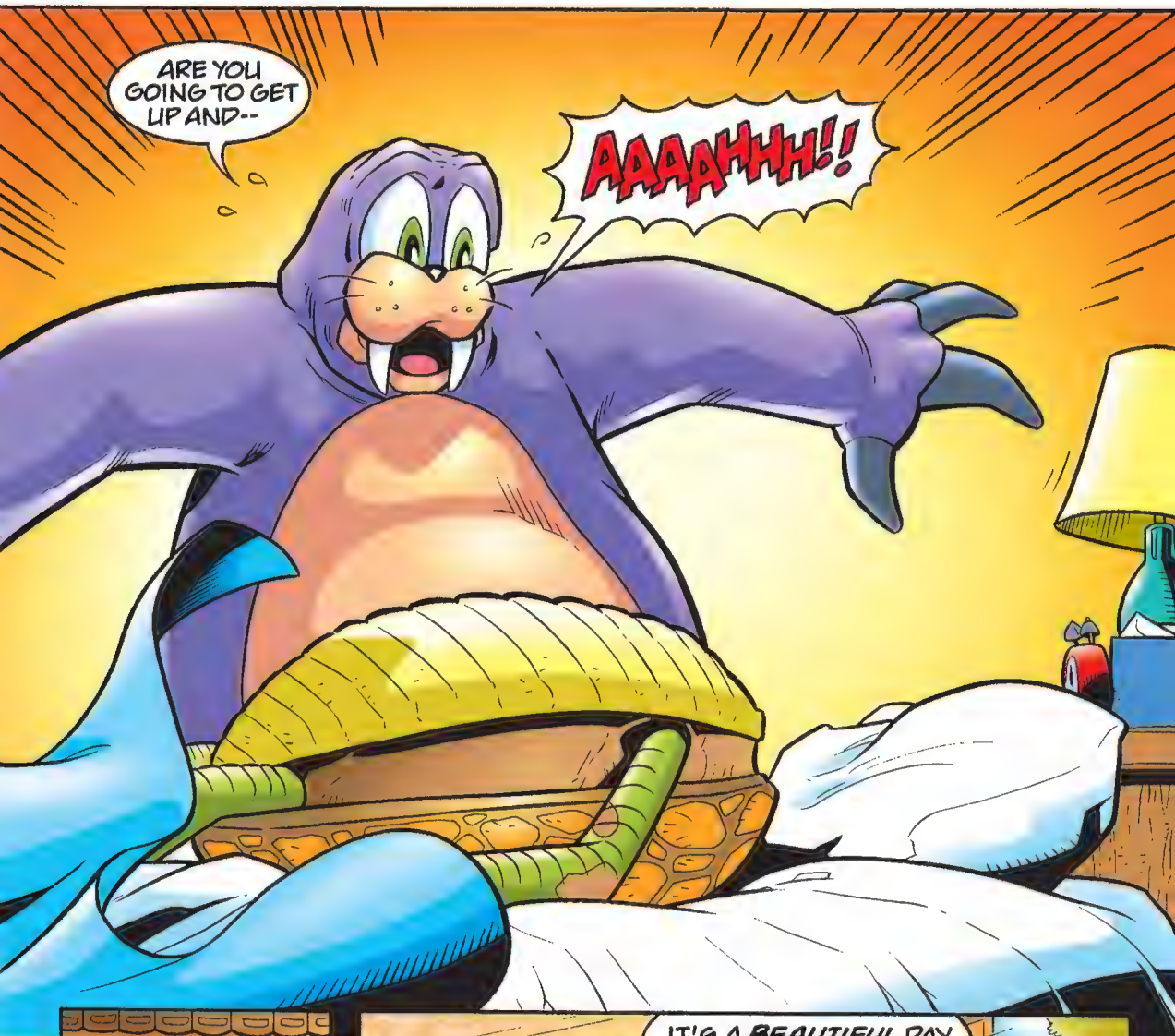
THE TURTLE

IN

OUT OF YOUR SHELL

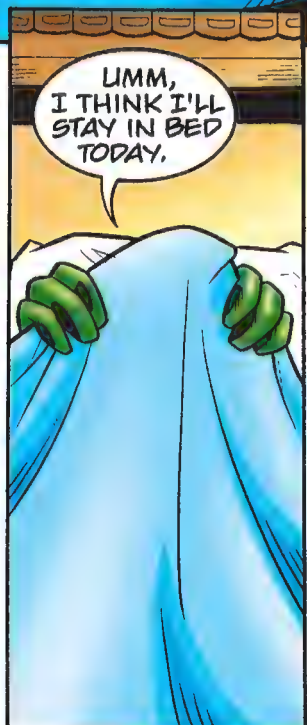
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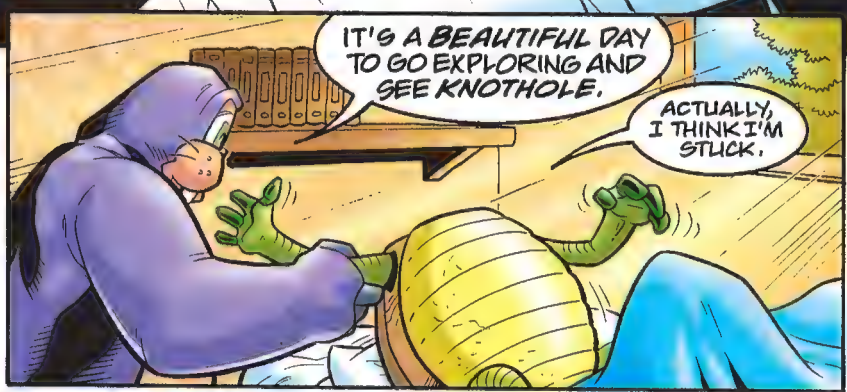


ARE YOU GOING TO GET LIP AND--

AAAHHH!!

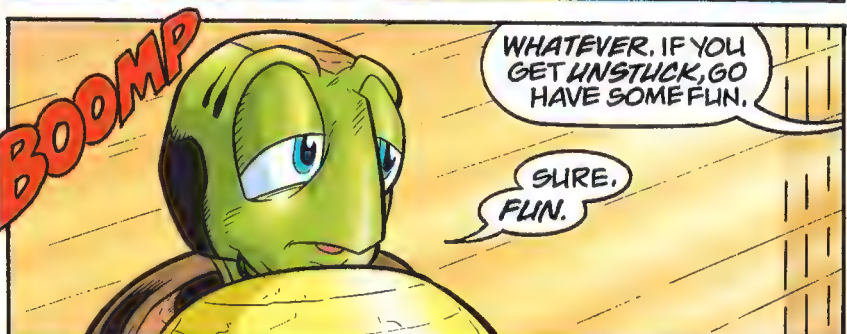


LIMM, I THINK I'LL STAY IN BED TODAY.



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO GO EXPLORING AND SEE KNOTHOLE.

ACTUALLY, I THINK I'M STUCK.



BOOMP

WHATEVER, IF YOU GET UNSTUCK, GO HAVE SOME FUN.

SURE, FUN.

AND SO...

BYE.

The Princess wants me to run maintenance on the Techno-Tree, and after that I have to head back to the laboratory for that top secret--

SLAMM!

ACTUALLY, MAYBE WE COULD... OH.

MUCH LATER IN THE DAY...

--OK, IF IT'S NOT THERE, IT MUST BE HERE SOMEWHERE-- I JUST HAVE TO RETRACE--

HEY! BOOMER, YOU'RE BACK! DO YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING NOW?

WOW, HAVEN'T HEARD THAT IN A WHILE-- LOOK, T-- I AM IN A REAL CRUNCH FOR TIME,

SORRY, I JUST GOT EXCITED. IT'S JUST THAT EVERYONE IS SO BUSY ALL THE TIME, AND I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO.

I TALKED TO SONIC AND SALLY MORE WHEN THEY RESCUED ME THAN NOW.*

DON'T SAY THAT, TOMMY. THAT'S NOT TRUE.

IF I KNOW ANYTHING, IT'S THAT EVERYBODY HAS SOMETHING THEY'RE REALLY GOOD AT. YOU JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT IS FOR YOU.

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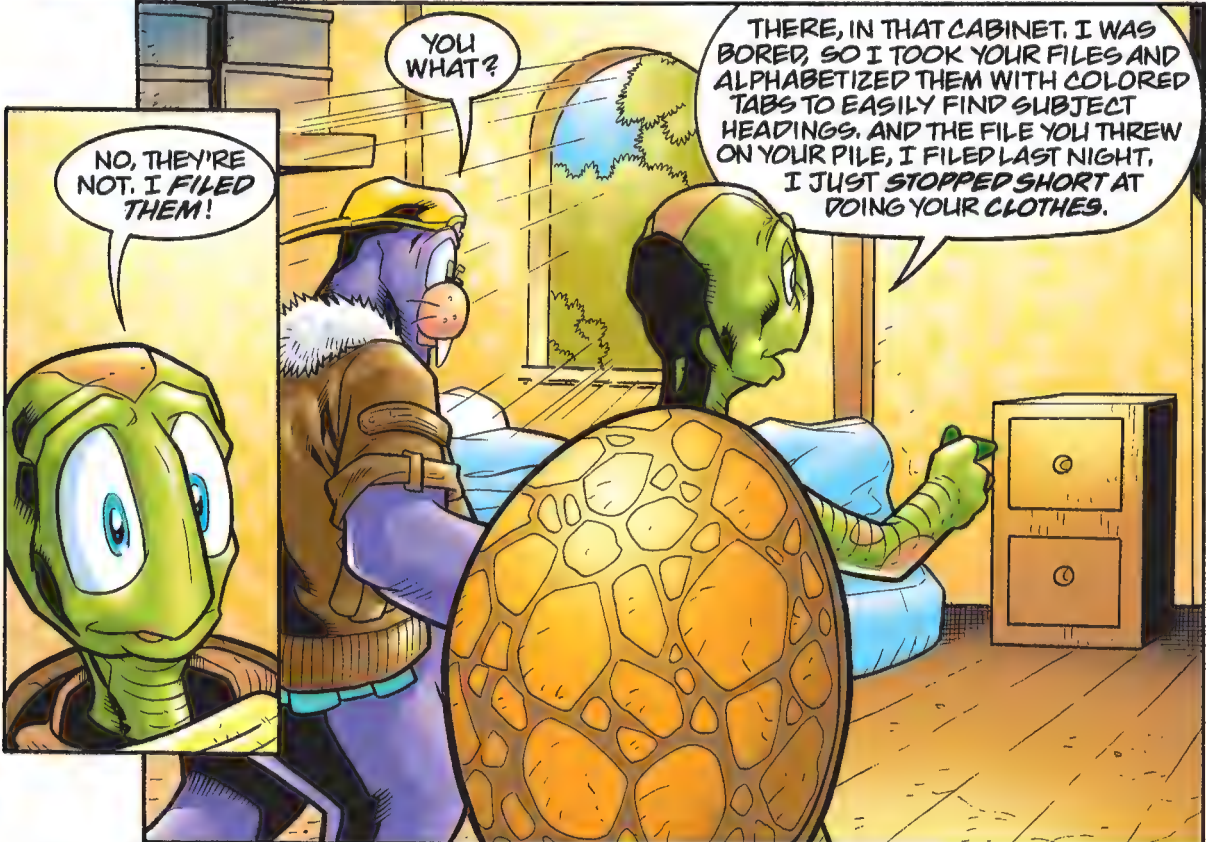
I PROMISE, I'LL MAKE SOME TIME TODAY. BUT I REALLY HAVE TO GET--



--IF ONLY I COULD FIND THE FILE ON THE TECHNOLO-TREE'S SYSTEM DIAGNOSTIC. I THOUGHT I THREW IT ON TOP OF THE PILE. HMM...



NO! WHERE ARE MY FILES? ALL MY FILES ARE GONE!

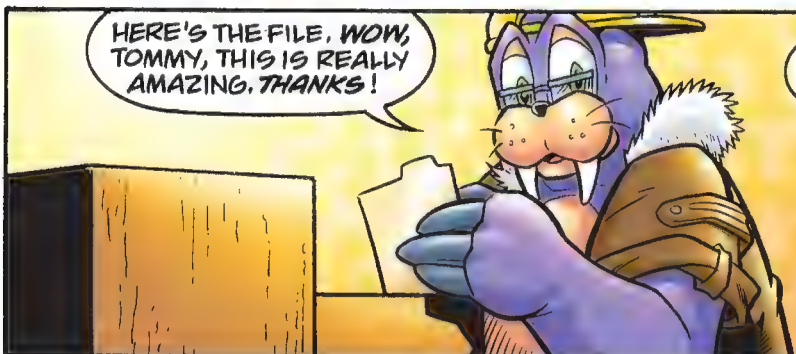


YOU WHAT?

NO, THEY'RE NOT. I FILED THEM!

THERE, IN THAT CABINET. I WAS BORED, SO I TOOK YOUR FILES AND ALPHABETIZED THEM WITH COLORED TABS TO EASILY FIND SUBJECT HEADINGS. AND THE FILE YOU THREW ON YOUR PILE, I FILED LAST NIGHT. I JUST STOPPED SHORT AT DOING YOUR CLOTHES.

HERE'S THE FILE. WOW, TOMMY, THIS IS REALLY AMAZING. THANKS!



OH, BY THE WAY, WITH THAT PROBLEM WITH THE TECHNOLO-TREE...





...YOU MAY WANT TO RE-LINK THE DELTA CONNECTION AND RE-INSTALL THE INPUT COMPONENT.

WHOA!



I MAY BE A SLOW TURTLE BUT I'M A FAST THINKER.

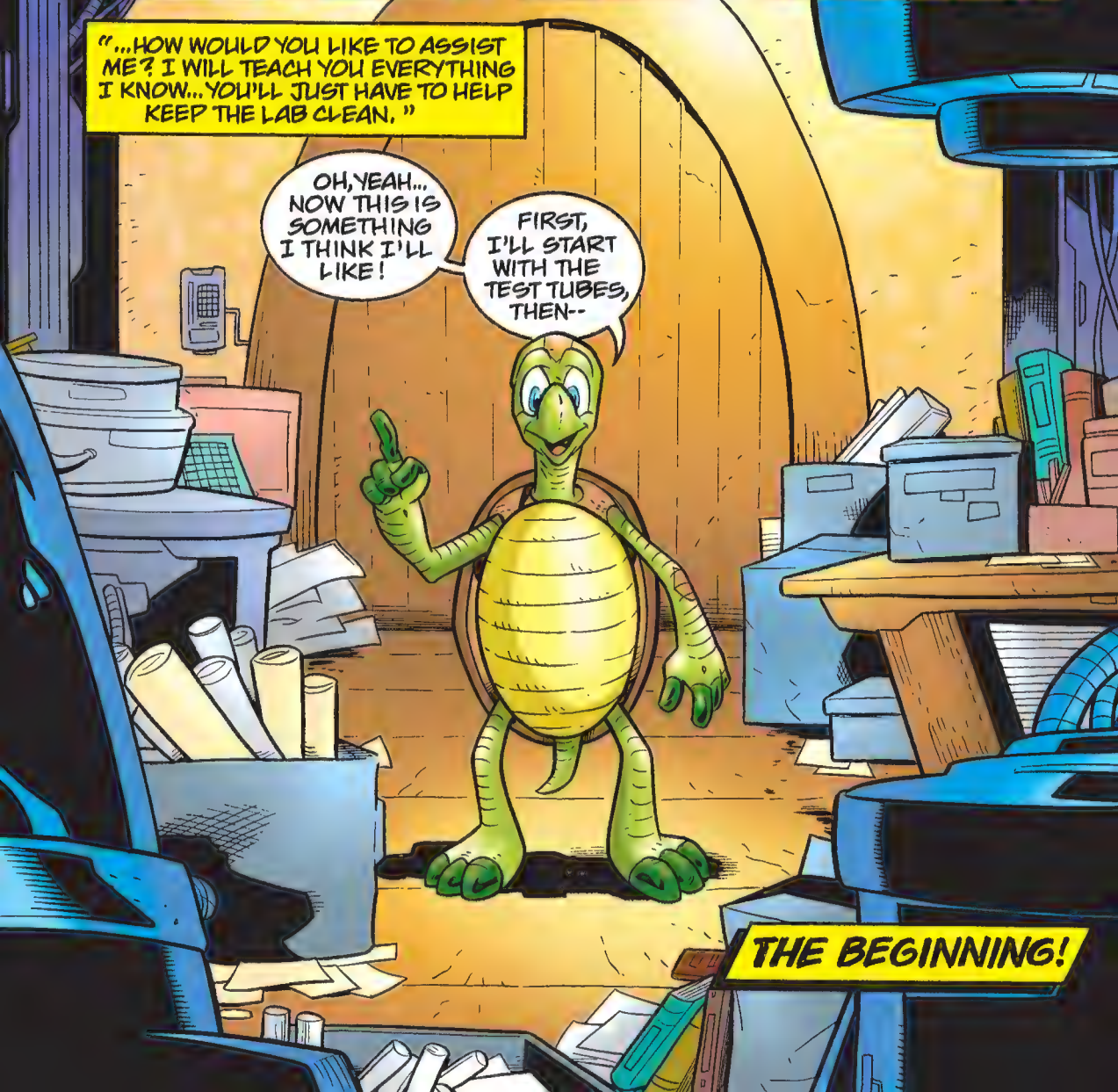
I'VE BEEN READING YOUR FILES. HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

YOU KNOW WHAT...


"...HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASSIST ME? I WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW... YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO HELP KEEP THE LAB CLEAN."

OH, YEAH... NOW THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK I'LL LIKE!

FIRST, I'LL START WITH THE TEST TUBES, THEN--



THE BEGINNING!



SO, WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT YOU HAD TO DRAG ME OUT OF MY MEETING? WOW, IT'S CLEAN IN HERE!

TOMMY, HAS BEEN HELPING ME PRINCESS. NOW, AS TO WHY YOUR HERE. ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY NEED YOU. IT'S NICOLE I NEED. I THINK WE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO HARNESS EVEN MORE ENERGY FROM THE POWER RINGS.

AS COMPARED TO ROBOTNIK'S REALMS, WHICH STILL USE DIRTY FOSSIL FUELS--

--WE'VE CREATED TECHNOLOGY FROM THE GROUND UP THAT USE THE RINGS AS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY-SAFE SOLUTION TO POWER IT.

THE PROBLEM IS THIS, IF WE INCREASE THE POWER OUTPUT, THE RINGS STABILITY MAY DECREASE. IT COULD BE BAD.

WHAT KIND OF BAD?

THE KIND OF BAD THAT COULD LEVEL KNOTHOLE, OR IT COULD JUST BURN THE RING OUT. NEITHER SCENARIO IS A LOCK. IT COULD HAPPEN NOW, NEVER, OR SOME LATER TIME.

HOW MUCH LATER?

I DON'T KNOW. ONLY NICOLE CAN FIGURE OUT CALCULATIONS OF THAT NATURE.

NICOLE, RUN A DIAGNOSTIC ON THAT POWER RING AND--

TRIP

WHA...?

QUANTUM PHYSICS
MADE EASY

CIRCUIT ME

Starring SALLY & NICOLE

AAAARRRGHH!

SSKWAARRK!

BOK!

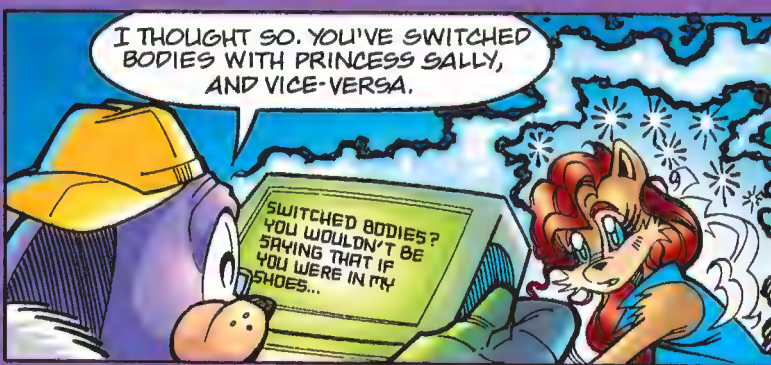
KRASH!

SAAALYYYY!!!

KRASH!

KRASH!

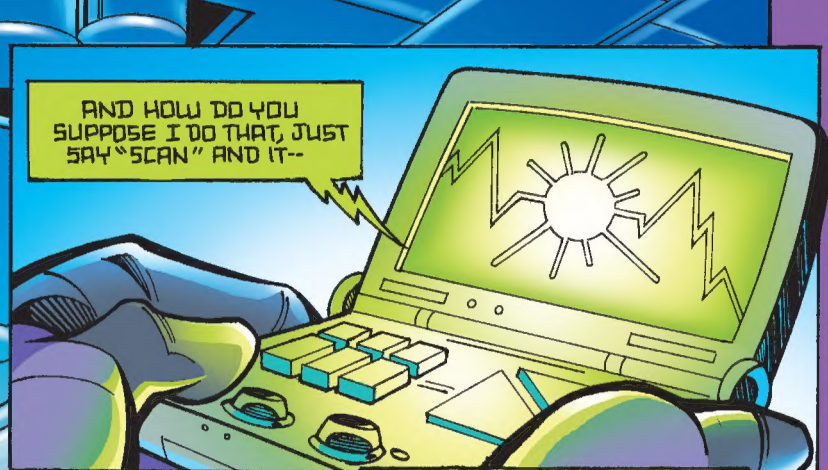
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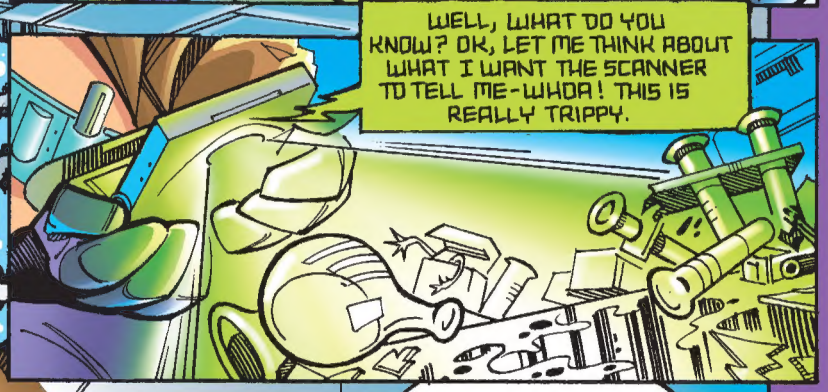


LET ME TAKE
A LOOK...


NICOLE,
I MEAN SALLY...
COULD YOU SCAN
THE PROPERTIES
OF THIS LIQUID
AND--



AND HOW DO YOU
SUPPOSE I DO THAT, JUST
SAY "SCAN" AND IT--



WELL, WHAT DO YOU
KNOW? OK, LET ME THINK ABOUT
WHAT I WANT THE SCANNER
TO TELL ME--WHO! THIS IS
REALLY TRIPPY.



NICOLE, COULD YOU
EXPLAIN TO SALLY
HOW BEST TO--

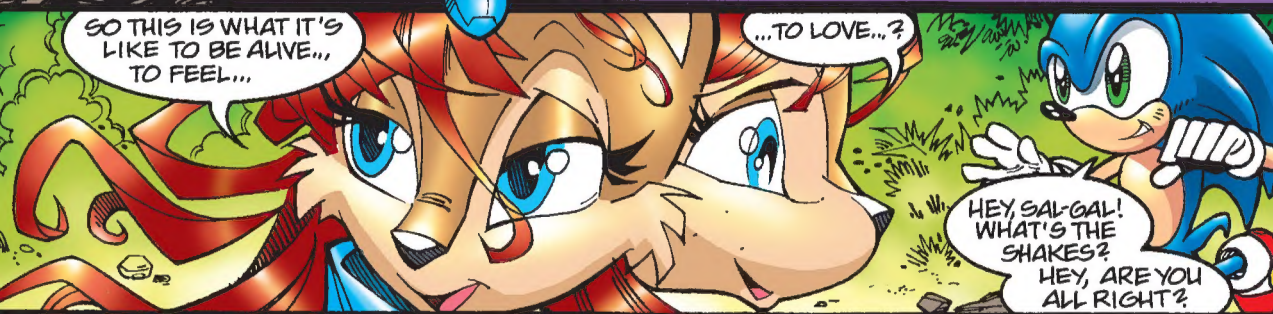
WAIT--IT WON'T
SLOW DOWN... TOO MUCH
INFO... GOT TO... CONTROL...
SPEED OF IT... THROUGH
PROCESSOR.



NICOLE--?



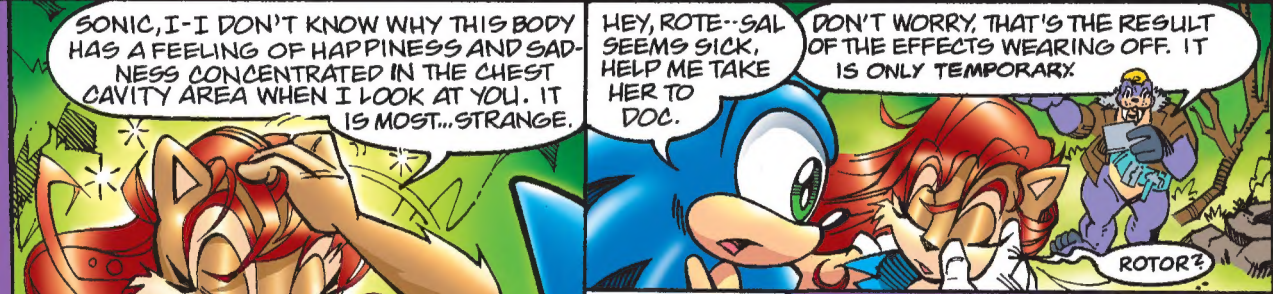
THE COLORS, THE SMELLS... MY LIMBS MOVE AT MY COMMAND. EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE IS SO INTOXICATING.



SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ALIVE... TO FEEL...

...TO LOVE...?

HEY SAL-GAL! WHAT'S THE SHAKES? HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

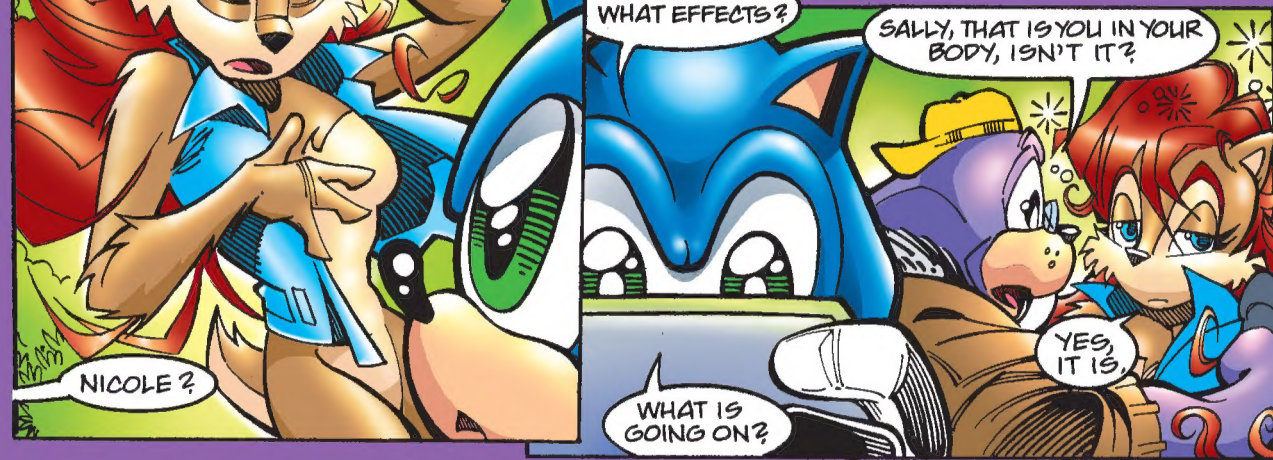


SONIC, I-I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS BODY HAS A FEELING OF HAPPINESS AND SADNESS CONCENTRATED IN THE CHEST CAVITY AREA WHEN I LOOK AT YOU. IT IS MOST... STRANGE.

HEY, ROTE--SAL SEEMS SICK, HELP ME TAKE HER TO DOC.

DON'T WORRY, THAT'S THE RESULT OF THE EFFECTS WEARING OFF. IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

ROTOR?



WHAT EFFECTS?

SALLY, THAT IS YOU IN YOUR BODY, ISN'T IT?

NICOLE?

WHAT IS GOING ON?

YES, IT IS.



SUFFICE IT TO SAY, IT IS A LONG STORY. ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE A VERY APPEALING HEDGEHOG?



LETTERS

Due to the overwhelming amount of fan response it is impossible to reply to each fan. Space limitations may require some printed letters to be edited. All your letters are appreciated!

Dear Mike, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #144 was great! But I have a few opinions. First I think the idea that MINA marrying TAILS is off a lot, and strange. A fox marrying a mongoose is strange.

That was way back in issue #138's M:25YL chapter. I get a ton of fan mail about this. We are now planning the next installment of everybody's future fable and there might be some of the answers you crave.

ASH is a cool, nice guy 'cause he got up out of bed... just to be with MINA. Tell me, when are SALLY and SONIC going to get back together?

Who?

It is my birthday so you should put my letters in the comic please. (Eyes start to look very sincere with bottom lip sticking out).

ZE answer is NO! (Get it?)

- ZENO CALEB
E-MAILED TO: SONIC@ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Dear Sonic-Grams, My favorite hero is KING SONIC of course, but in issue #142 or #143 I think at the end it mentions MANIC. Who is MANIC anyway? If he is the real king, why won't he show? Is MANIC SONIC'S brother from SONIC UNDERGROUND? If he is, please put him into the M:25YL comics. I was confused cause I was hoping you'd include SONIA and MANIC in the M:25YL series.

SONIA and MANIC are the names of KING SONIC'S children. A little nod to all you UNDERGROUND fans!

I got into SONIC comics when I was surfing the 'net and I found them. The thing is, I only own #142, #143, and #144. Can you help me get more?

In case I have not mentioned it, to find the SONIC comics you may have missed, use the SONIC CHECKLIST and try a SONIC subscription so you never miss an issue again. Plus you get your SONIC issues earlier than everybody else! (Shameless Plug # 12,145)

- CAELIE STEFANIC
FRANKLIN, WI

I absolutely LOVED issue #144 of your comic. The "LOVE & LOSS" story was AMAZING! It was like a look into their hearts to see what they were really feeling, instead of what they just say and do (Hard to get the emotions through a comic, isn't it?) Some of the stories, like MINA'S, really made me stop and think about a troublesome relationship I'm in now.

Relationships are a lot of work, and everyone involved must treat each other with respect and kindness. If they don't treat you like that, find people who do. Oh, and they must be a SONIC fan!

About "MOBIUS 25 YEARS LATER" I'm finding it considerably confusing. I have so many questions, like: "When did KNUCKLES have a daughter?" and "How did SONIC get back together with SALLY?" I think that you may be going a bit too fast.

If you want to read up on all the M:25YL chapters they go from SONIC #132 up to SONIC #144.

Also, I was looking back on some older comics, I don't remember what number they were, but they glorified some sort of undersea FREEDOM FIGHTERS. What happened to them, and are we going to see them again?

How can you forget the FORTY FATHOM FREEDOM FIGHTERS!? Anybody want to see more of The FFFF?

What happened to SHADOW?

He was in this issue. And he will play a major role in SONIC #146 through #149. Not to be missed!

He is my favorite character EVER (SONIC never managed to get to my fave list), I think he could have a lot of influence on the stories. Example being, in theory, if SONIC and SHADOW can use Chaos Control to warp time, why didn't they just do that?

Hmmm, I think you hit the nail right on the nose. I did mention we are going to tell more M:25YL stories, didn't I?

Anyway, I think I've stated my opinion, so I will say one last thing: Several have said they are they're the #1 fan, but I shall be the first to be the #1 fan of SHADOW and DR. ROBOTNIK!!! Go robots of mass destruction!!!

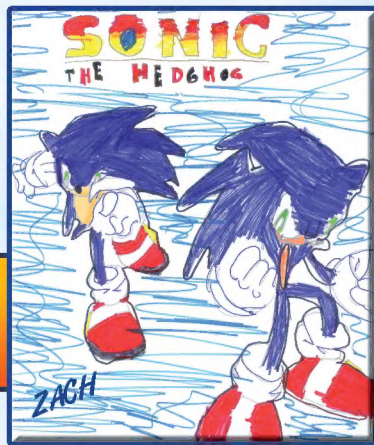
- RACHEL AKA: ECLIPSE LUNA
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Do you have any more names like SNVELY by any chance?

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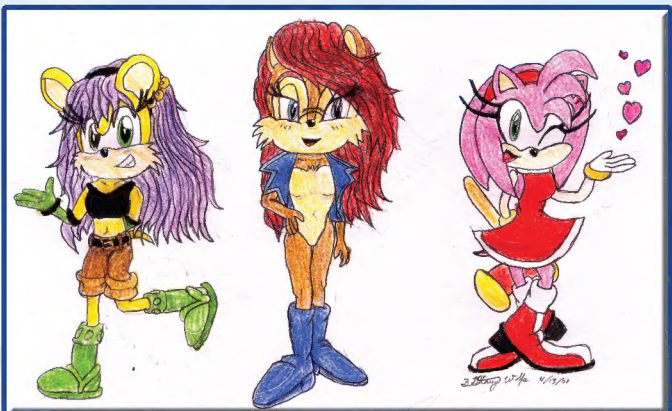
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Wow! Talk about fan response! **SONIC#144** (I hope you didn't miss it) was the final installment of the super popular **MOBIUS: 25 YEARS LATER** storyline and boy, did it end with a bang. Plus, when it was followed by **LOVE AND LOSS**, let's just say you SONIC fans responded big time! I just want to put any fears you may have to rest. Yes, we are going to do more **M:25YL** stories, this feature isn't over by a long shot. And yes, a lot of the questions from **LOVE AND LOSS** will be answered over the next several issues. Actually, one of them was answered in last month's, if you can figure it out.

Now on to the **SHADOW** showdown we warned you about! We hope you didn't miss its start in **SONIC#145**. People are already having a hard time finding last month's **SONIC#146!** This is becoming a huge deal! I tried warning you guys to demand your copy at your local retailer, or try a subscription and get your SONIC comic delivered to your doorstep every month!

Oh, and with all this excitement leading up to the landmark **SONIC #150th** issue, you will not believe what we have in store for you! We have the one villain that can destroy SONIC! And don't forget the **SONIC X** mini-series coming this summer!

MIKE

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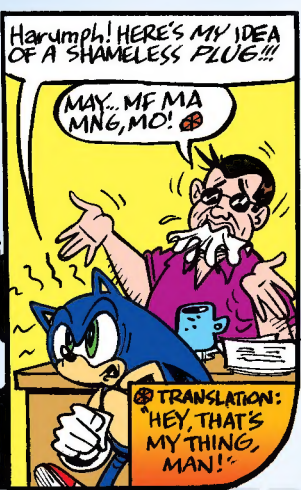
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SONIC vs. SHADOW vs. METAL SONIC!
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FOX AND THE HOUND:
The first of several TAILS features now!
TAILS and MUTTSKI a hedgehog's best friends. But what changes fun into a deadly game?

OFF-PANEL



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